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SUBJ: NORWEGIAN CONDITIONS FOR SIGNING F16 LOA

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1. REF MSG ADVISED OF NORWEGIAN NEWSPAPER ARTICLE STATING
F-16 LOA WOULD BE SIGNED 1 MAY 1977 AND SENIOR NORWEGIAN MOD
OFFICIALS STATEMENT THAT WITH A LITTLE COOPERATION FROM BOTH
SIDES, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR LOA TO BE SIGNED 1 MAY.

2. AS A RESULT OF TWO SEPARATE MEETINGS WE NOW HAVE A FEELING
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FOR WHAT /COOPERATION" IS DESIRED. ON FRIDAY, 22 APR CAPT
PAGE AND LTC GARY OF ODC MET WITH COL ARNE SEINAE'S MOD
F-16 PROJECT OFFICER. AT THIS MEETING WE WERE ADVISED
THAT NORWAY HAD PROPOSED AT THE LAST STEERING CMTE MTG THAT
ALUMINUM, THE AIS AND SIMULATORS BE ADDED TO THE F-16 CO-PRODUCTION
PLAN (CCP) AND WANTED A REPLY (ASSUMEDLY AFFIRMATIVE). COL
SEINAE'S ALSO STATED THAT , FOLLOWING STARTING APPROVAL,

ACTUAL SIGNING OF LOA WOULD DEPEND ON MOI AND MOD
SATISFACTION WITH CO-PRODUCTION ISSUE.

3. SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH OUR MEETING, MR. PAUL SCANLAN,
LOCAL GD REP, WAS MEETING WITH LARS THULIN, UNDER-
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDUSTRY, OLAV SITJE. MOI DIVISION
CHIEF AND F-16 ACTION OFFICER AND IVAR JACHWITZ.
NORWEGIAN REP TO F-16 INDUSTRIAL SUBCOMMITTEE. AT THIS
MEEETING MR SCANLAN WAS ADVISED OF MOI'S FIVE PRECONDITIONS
FOR SIGNING LOA, WHICH WERE Q) A SIGNED STORES
MANAGEMENT CONTRACT; 2) A SIGNED INTERFERENCE BLANKER
CONTRACT; 3) A SIGNED CONSTANT SPEED DRIVE CONTRACT;
4) ALUMINUM IN THE CCP; AND 5) AIS IN THE CCP.

4. IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE WHETHER MR SCANLAN HAD BEEN
GIVEN THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT POSITION, CAPT PAGE AND
LTC GARY MET MONDAY AFTERNOON WITH COL SEJNAES AND MR
JACHWITZ AT WHICH TIME MR JACHWITZ CONFIRMED WHAT MR
SCANLAN HAD RELATED. ASSUMING THAT THE STORTING
APPROVES THE F-16 PURCHASE IN THE DEBATE WHICH BEGINS
TODAY, THE MOI AND MOD WOULD CONFER ON FRIDAY AS TO
WHETHER OR NOT TO SIGN THE LOA, AT WHICH TIME THE MOI
WOULD RECOMMEND AGAINST SIGNING UNLESS THE
PRECONDITIONS HAD BEEN MET. THE MOD POSITION
HAD ALSO CHANGED SOMEWHAT FROM THAT OF EXPECTING A
REPLY ON THE PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE ALUMINUM, THE AIS AND
SIMULATORS IN THE CCP TO THEIR ACTUAL INCLUSION IN THE
CPP. WE WERE ADVISED THAT NO GOVERNMENT POSITION HAS
OFFICIALLY BEEN COMMUNICATED ON THESE PRECONDITIONS
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SINCE THE STORTING HAS NOT YET DEBATED OR APPROVED THE
F-16 PURCHASE, THUS TO DO SO IN ADVANCE WOULD BE
PREMATURE. FURTHER ONCE THE STORTING HAS APPROVED THE
F-16 BILL THERE WOULD BE NO BARRIER TO NORWAY'S ACCEPTING THE
TERMINATION PROVISIONS IF A FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE PRELIMINARY
CONTRACT IS REQUIRED.

5. ALTHOUGH THE PRECONDITIONS WERE STATED AS POSITIVE
REQUIREMENTS, IT IS OUR IMPRESSION FROM THE ENSUING
DISCUSSION THAT THE NORWEGIAN POSITION IS NOT INFLEXIBLE,
I.E., THAT ASSURANCES THE NAMED CONTRACTS WOULD BE
SIGNED WITH A SPECIFIC DATE FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT. AND
ASSURANCES THAT THE ALUMINUM, AIS, AND SIMULATORS
WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE CPP WOULD PERHAPS BE
ADEQUATE. IT IS ALSO OUR IMPRESSION THAT IF NO
POSITIVE EFFORTS ARE TAKEN TO MEET, IN SO FAR AS POSSIBLE, THER FIVE
PRECONDITIONS, THEY MIGHT DELAY SIGNING THE
LOA EVEN THOUGH THE STORTING HAS APPROVED THE F-16
PURCHASE. IT HAS LONG BEEN THE OPINION OF SOME

NORWEGIANS THAT THOSE COUNTRIES WHO HAVE COMPLAINED THE LOUDEST HAVE GOTTEN THE MOST ATTENTION AND THAT PART OF THE REASON FOR THE LOW- CO-PRODUCTION LEVEL IN NORWAY IS DUE TO THEIR NOT COMPLAINING ENOUGH. WITH THE SIGNING OF THE LOA, NORWAY LOSES A SIGNIFICANT LEVER AND DESIRES TO MAKE THE MOST OF THE TIME REMAINING TO IMPROVE THEIR CO-PRODUCTION STATUS.

6. WE ARE UNABLE TO ASSESS AT THIS TIME WHETHER THE CONDITIONS BEING STATED ARE ACTUALLY THE GOVERNMENT POSITION OR MERELY A NEGOTIATING TACTIC. WE EXPECT CLARIFICATION WHEN THE F-16 PROPOSAL IS PRESENTED FOR DEBATE IN THE STORTING, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 26, HOWEVER, MOST OF APRIL 26 SESSION APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN OVER TO DISCUSSIONS ON THE NORTH SEA OIL ACCIDENT AND IT IS UNCERTAIN WHEN THE F-16 PROPOSAL WILL COME UP FOR DEBATE.

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